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## 5000 HUN DEAD BEFORE SINGLE U. S. REGIMENT

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE CHAMPAGNE, July 18.—(8:05 A. M.)—The fourth day of the battle finds the Germans still halted in their attempt to envelop Rheims.

Stubbornness of the American and French resistance at the extremities of the fighting front—east of Chateau-Thierry and east of Rheims—safely holds the allies' flanks.

The Americans not only are holding their ground, but are inflicting the heaviest punishment on the enemy. In the region of Mezy and Jaulgonne the Boche dead are piled four and five deep.

One American regimental commander estimates 5000 dead in front of his command alone.

The attack today was centering against the French on the American right, in an apparent effort to reach Epernay.

As an instance of the German losses, prisoners said the American artillery wiped out one entire regiment before it was able to cross the Marne. Of a group of six boats, each holding 20 men, five were destroyed.

The famous Sixth Grenadier Regiment was utterly annihilated, every man being killed or captured. Three German divisions (38,000) were so demoralized that they have not appeared in the battle since the first day.

Extraordinary weather has marked the battle daily. Scorching sun has been succeeded by cloudiness and rain almost every hour with monotonous regularity. The latest information shows that 45 German divisions (520,000 men) are being used on the entire front.

## ENEMY DRIVEN BACK 2 MILES ON 35-MILE LINE

PARIS, July 18.—The allies started a counter offensive this morning by attacking on the 35-mile front from the Marne northward to Aisne.

The French communique, issued at noon, stated that initial gains of from a mile to nearly two miles had been made and that prisoners were taken.

The Franco-American attack extends the battle line into a giant fighting front of nearly 100 miles from Main de Massiges the region of Soissons.

Additional American forces have thus been hurled into the maelstrom of blood and steel on the west front. Marines and regulars are known to be in the line from Vaux northward. Vaux, and it is probable that numbers of American reserves have been thrown into this fighting.

The allied assault apparently comes at a time when the German effort in the Champagne is at its lowest ebb, the French report saying that in this region there was "no change."

## LIEUT. ROOSEVELT KILLED IN AIR FIGHT

PARIS, July 17.—Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, aged 20, youngest son of the former president of the United States, has been killed in an air fight, the semi-official Havas News agency announces. His machine fell into the enemy lines.

Lieutenant Roosevelt was last seen in combat Sunday morning with two enemy airplanes about 10 miles inside the German lines in the Chateau Thierry sector. He started out with a patrol of 13 American machines. They encountered seven Germans and were chasing them back, when two of them turned on Lieutenant Roosevelt.

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

The long-expected renewal of the German offensive in France has begun. Fierce battles are in progress on both sides of the famous cathedral city of Rheims, which, since the last offensive began along the Marne, has stood the apex of a sharp salient into the German line.

West of Rheims the Germans, with the pressure of large numbers of troops, the unleashing of which was preceded by a veritable hail of high explosive and gas shells have been enabled to cross the Marne at several places. East of the city, however, they have been held for the smallest of gains by the tenacious resistance of the defenders of the line. Altogether the two battle fronts aggregate about 65 miles in length.

American troops are fighting valiantly on the sectors they have been holding and at two points have met with notable success. At Vaux they not only broke down a violent attack by the enemy, but drove him back several hundred yards and only returned to their former position when the advance of the Germans south of Chateau Thierry, across the Marne, made the reoccupation of their trenches of strategic value.

Along the Marne between the town of Fosse and the river Sormine, where the Germans crossed the Marne the Americans in a strong counter attack forced back the enemy to the right bank of the stream. At other points along the river they used to the greatest advantage their machine guns against enemy elements which were crossing the river on pontoon bridges, killing or wounding many of them. In the counter attack near Fosse 1,500 Germans were made prisoner by the Americans. The captured contingent included a complete brigade staff. The French general in command on this sector sent a congratulatory message to the general in command of the American troops.

The Germans, in addition to their tremendous expenditure of explosives and gas shells, used numerous tanks against the lines of the defenders and also opened with numerous naval guns, bombardments of towns and cities far behind the battle line, dropping upon them shells from 10 and 12-inch pieces.

Near Vaux the attack came after a most violent bombardment of high explosives and gas shells throughout the night. The American troops sought shelter wherever it was available. When the enemy infantry appeared the Americans swarmed out and met the attackers with a rain of machine gun bullets. The Americans wore their gas masks as they fought the attacking Germans.

The only important gain made by the Germans thus far is to the west of the city of Rheims, where they crossed the Marne river.

The French and Italians fighting in Albania have carried their lines steadily northward. The town of Berat, the most important point in southern Albania, has fallen into allied hands. It is reported that large quantities of Austrian supplies stored at Berat were destroyed by the retreating Austrians. Official reports would appear to show that the advance of the French and Italians is reaching farther and farther east into the mountains and toward the rear of the Bulgarian positions around Monastir.

British and American troops have been landed and now are in control of the entire Murrumbidgee coast in northern Russia. It is through this territory that it is hoped ultimately to lend aid to Russia by way of the Arctic ocean.

Turkish troops attacked the British positions in Palestine commanding the crossings of the Jordan and the ridges north of Jericho. In the ridge region, the war office announced, the British completely restored by a counter attack the positions that had been penetrated. More than 500 Turks were taken prisoner.

July 17.—Strong resistance of American, French and Italian armies has checked the German offensive in the region of Rheims. Americans and French operating on the Marne have retaken all important positions lost in the first rush of the enemy. These include St. Agnan, Hill 223 and La Chapelle-Monthodon, south of Dormans.

Berlin claims small gains in the region of Rheims. In the fighting the first day they claim the capture of 15,000 prisoners. American state department advices say the enemy's losses in the drive have been enormous.

## 83 MORE SELECTS LEAVE MONDAY

Program Under Auspices of Celina Business Men

The Celina Business Men's Association will have charge of the exercises that will precede the departure of the eighty-three Mercer county selects that will leave Celina next Monday at 11:25 a.m. for Camp Sherman. The program is as follows:

Music—Celina and Coldwater bands. Meeting called to order by Chairman Younger at 10 a.m. Music—Rockford male quartet. Invocation—Rev. W. E. Turner. Music—Rockford male quartet. Address—J. W. Loree. Presentation of Comfort Kits—Ladies of Celina Red Cross Chapter. Presentation of souvenirs by the Celina Business Men's Association. The order of march to the C.N. depot and bodies participating are—Ladies of Relief Corps. Civil war veterans. Ladies of the Red Cross. Band—Citizens. Draft Board—Selects.

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As the Celina Chautauqua comes next week one can not help but be impressed with the three-fold mission of this year's program.

It stands out as clearly defined as it has been painted in black and white. First there is the patriotic purpose—so ably instilled in each day's program—the desire to help Americanism find itself and to help Americans find their place in the ever growing war service of the nation—here at home just as well as "over there."

Second, there is the educational aspect—the boarding influence, which is seen just as truly in the work of the "story lady" of the Junior Chautauqua, as it is in the wonderful messages of the brilliant lectures and in the softening influence of the musical numbers.

And third, there is the purely entertainment side of the program—the provision that has been made to gratify the human longing for relaxation and enjoyment, certainly more necessary to America in those times of war than it has ever been before.

Those groups of able and patriotic citizens who have been doing the work of our local committees are seeing visions of their tasks crowned with success. The ticket committee, the advertising committee and all other committees see signs of record-breaking crowds to see and hear the record-breaking programs that have been provided.

And they are assuring every one that never has a Chautauqua program held such rich promise of reward for those who attend.

From the moment the Original Strollers Quartette opens the program next Wednesday afternoon, and Alexander Cairns, the gifted orator, delivers his great war lecture "Poisonation," down to the last night, when Hans's Jubilee Singers, send forth the sweet strains of southern songs as only real darkies can render them, and George P. Bible, another masterly speaker, delivers his lecture, "Carry On" as the closing feature of the Chautauqua—there will not be an idle moment.

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### Files Petition in Bankruptcy

Clarence R. Beiler, of this county, giving his occupation as laborer and thresher, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the Federal court at Toledo last Friday. He lists his debts at \$2780.70 and his assets at \$1126.20.

### ANOTHER BOOST FOR CELINA-WABASH ROAD

Another section of the Celina-Wabash Inlet-County Highway will be sold at Columbus next Friday, the 26th. This will add another mile and a half to that now under construction, and give a 16-foot concrete road more than a third of the way from Celina to the Indiana state line. The date set for the completion of this section (D-1) is June 15, next. This will take the improvement to the road leading south to the Swamp College Cemetery. Plans and specifications are on file at the office of County Surveyor Morrison as well as at Columbus.

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## CARDS ON THE TABLE

Now that Uncle Sam's place in the world war is firmly established, and being emphasized daily in the growing casualty lists, it is time for us stay-at-homes to take a personal inventory and fix our own positions from the standpoint of patriotism. None of us but will insist that we are wholly loyal. None of us but will declare that we will do our part for American success abroad. None of us but will declare that we have been doing all we can.

But have we?

It's time to lay the cards on the table. Time to see just what is what.

It's time to begin playing the game according to the necessities of the situation. Time to see just where we stand patriotically. Time to get down to brass tacks.

The simple facts of the case are that there are comparatively few of us who have gone the limit in lending our assistance, financially, to the government. Not that we wouldn't if we thought it necessary.

But we haven't thought it necessary.

We have all been wholly confident that the country would meet every demand, and that confidence has been justified. Every demand has been met to date. And we haven't by any means exhausted our capacity.

But what of the future?

That's the big question NOW. The next Liberty Loan will in all probability be for an amount far in excess of anything that has been asked to date. The needs are becoming greater, more imperative, every day! Are we getting ready for such a condition?

It's up to every man to take his personal inventory. To fix his own capacity, his limit, and to get ready to play it. The business of the country right now is war, war to the death. And we don't want it to be our death.

One way to win it and live is for each fellow to do his part.

GET READY!

## S. S. INSTITUTE SUNDAY NIGHT

Next Sunday evening, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock, a Sunday-school institute will be held at the Evangelical church in this city. All Sunday-school workers in the city and country are invited. A splendid program has been prepared for the occasion. It will consist of addresses on appropriate subjects, songs, class songs, and readings.

Following is the program: Song by congregation. Invocation. Evening offering. Announcements and remarks by the pastor. Piano solo—Miss Leona Stedek. The Teacher's Qualifications—Hattie Rykema. Duet—Edith Hellwarth and Lucile Stedek. The Teacher's Preparation—Edward Hellwarth. The Adult Bible Class; Its Activities—L. B. Pamphrey. Class song.

Address, "How Can the Church Encourage Sunday School Attendance?"—Rev. Johnson. Song by the congregation.

### TWO DEATHS RESULT FROM EXPLODING COAL OIL CAN

Two deaths resulted from a coal oil explosion at the home of Wm. Swigert, east of Montezuma, a week ago yesterday. One victim, a little fifteen-months-old son of the Swigerts, died in a few hours after the accident. Mrs. Peter Boesel, of New Bremen, a sister of Mrs. Swigert, was burned so badly that she died next day at a Lima hospital, where she was taken. The mother of the child was also badly burned while trying to remove the burning clothing from the little one.

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### THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Elizabeth Knight, a pioneer Rockford lady, aged 89 years, died at her home at that place last Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

To Build Community House. Columbus, July 15.—Elks are taking steps to build a community house at Camp Sherman. A committee of Ohio Elks was appointed at the national convention at Atlantic City last week to take charge of the community house project.